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WHAT IS WRONG WITH OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

Last March the PICTORIAL REVIEW asked the above question, and since then has received over six thousand replies. In the September issue it gives a summary of the reasons adduced in them, among which is the following:

"The school curriculum, a large majority of the letters say, is overloaded. There is not time for the fundamentals to be taught thoroughly. Bad spelling, for example, is complained of in hundreds of letters. The vocational branches, instead of supplementing the fundamentals, have crowded them aside."

This confirms what we have long suspected. We are not against vocational training, provided it is kept in its right place as supplementing the fundamentals. But unless a pupil has been thoroughly grounded in the fundamentals, vocational training will largely be wasted upon him. One of the writers of the letters which were published, succinctly states the case: "We have allowed ourselves to be persuaded that the important thing is to instruct how merely to obtain a living rather than how to live." He speaks with authority as he is the product of the public schools and holding down a practical job as public officer. He adds: "Exponents of vocational training are defeating their purpose because they will not see that even material success depends not so much upon mechanical efficiency as upon personality, imagination, knowledge of men and women and of the economic forces which play upon one's business." He advocates the throwing out of the public schools, as a remedy, the purely vocational subjects—the experimental farms, the mechanical arts, the shorthand and type-writing and bookkeeping, the selective athletic training, and all other fads that clutter up our educational system, and in their place, from the first grade on up, concentrate upon instruction in fundamentals vital to American life and living."

By fundamentals he means: First, the English language; how to read write, and speak it; Second, civil government and its responsibilities. Third, an intelligent outline of the development of peoples and ideas. Fourth, groundwork in geography mathematics and natural science. Fifth, modern languages that may as well be begun in the lower grades as in the higher ones. Sixth, the structure and care of the human body. Seventh, and most important, "AMERICA. Not, however, a mere chronicle of American names and dates and political bickerings, but a panorama of the real America; her resolute progress alike on the broad highway and on the narrow, tortuous slope; her joyous beauty; her opportunities, and her high, troubled vision." He goes on to say that he has learned something of this America, but not in the public schools, and his lesson began in the American Expeditionary Force.

His suggestions are worth studying.

We congratulate the Milwaukie Review on installing a brand new linotype of the latest design. Someday perhaps the NEWS may follow suit, though the prospect at present seems far distant.

Women's Triennial Offering  
An alms basin on which has

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been placed a total of \$2,014,300.18 in gifts by women to the Episcopal Church, will be used at Portland, Oregon, September 7th next when the Woman's Auxiliary of the church, meeting in convention with the Episcopal General convention, will present their thirteenth United Thank Offering at a special convention service. The amount of this triennial offering will not be announced until the day of the service, but it is confidently expected that it will approach closely to three quarters of a million dollars.

A romantic story of women's devotion and Christian zeal surrounds this historic alms basin. Presented to the Episcopal church in America by Oxford University in 1852, it is 22 inches in diameter, with a border of silver gilt beautifully chased, and a center panel of solid gold which shows the offering of the Magi and bears the inscription: "Ecclesiae Americanae Dilectae in Christo Oxonienses 1852." Its total weight is 18 ounces 12 dwts. In this basin during the successive triennial General Conventions of the church since 1899, has been presented this United Thankoffering of the Woman's Auxiliary, which is woman's own special contribution to the church from the uttermost parts of the earth. In far off China and in the snow fields of Alaska, in equatorial Africa, the Philippines and the West Indies, as in continental United States, the women of the Church lay by day by day, their yen, rupees, peses, shillings and pennies to swell this fund. The native women of Alaska make fur bags and mocasins, the Indian women of South America lace and bead work; the Chinese women and the women of Hawaii contribute their handiwork; and into every city, town and hamlet of the United States go the little blue boxes of the Woman's Auxiliary into which a steady stream of contributions pours. At the end of every three year period the combined gift is placed upon the golden alms basin to carry forward the work which the women of the Church are doing throughout the world.

From small beginnings the Thank Offering has grown into one of the largest individual revenues of the Episcopal Church. The Auxiliary was organized in 1871. The United Thank Offering was organized in 1889. In that year the total offering amounted to \$2,188.64. Three years later it amounted to \$56,198.35. The \$100,000 was reached in 1901 and three years later it went out to \$150,000. Thus by

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leaps and bounds the triennial gift increased until, at the last General Convention of the Church at Detroit, the Auxiliary's gift, handed to the Church on this historic alms basin, totalled \$468,060.41.

Church and Federal Constitutions

Interesting and little known details of events in the formative period of the nation are recalled by the 47th triennial General Conference of the Episcopal Church which will meet at Portland, Oregon, September 6th. It is the proud claim of churchmen, a writer in the Philadelphia Public Ledger notes, that the constitution of the Episcopal establishment not only parallels in every essential detail the Constitution of the United States, but that it was given to the world two years in advance of the Federal Constitution. The coincidence is not strange when the fact is recalled that the same group of men, in large measure, wrote both instruments; first as delegates to the convention of 1785, which drafted the constitution of the church, and later as delegates to the Philadelphia convention in 1787, which framed the constitution of the United States. Both documents issued from the same historic chamber—the Hall of Congress in Independence Hall, Philadelphia.

Why Not?

The idea that trade unions should be incorporated is growing stronger. The known members of an incorporated body must behave themselves or it costs them collectively more than their violence is worth.

The trade union makes no secret of its membership nor the millions collected in dues but it remains unincorporated. It seems therefore that neither the members nor the organization can be held liable for damages or atrocities caused by the leaders of the members of the organization.

"Would the Herrin murders have occurred if the relatives and dependents of the men slaughtered could have sued the United Mine Workers of America for damages?" says Leslie's magazine.

How long would the people of the United States stand for the operation of a great industry or railroad that was not liable to an injured party for damages caused by the acts of its employes or managers? These corporations are responsible to the public.

How much longer will the American public stand for financial loss, property damage and death caused by powerful labor organizations which incite these acts but which escape all responsibility by keeping their affairs in such shape that it is impossible to secure compensation from them?—Industrial News Bureau.

Traffic Publicist Resigns

Robert M. Standish, who has had charge of the traffic bureau of the Port of Portland and the dock commission for the last two years, announced his resignation Saturday, effective September 1. Mr. Standish said he would go into the publicity and advertising business for himself and open an office immediately. Mr. Standish was a former editor of the NEWS.

The Scrap Book

HARD TO ESCAPE THEM ALL

Really, Small Madge Had Enough to Do to Dodge Them, Without Bingo Chipping In.

The heroine of this story is a certain mischievous Madge, small daughter of a house which shelters also the hero, a mischievous puppy answering to the name of Bingo.



Madge ran in to the garden on a secret mission. The devoted Bingo followed and imperiled the whole enterprise.

"Bingo," said Madge, "for goodness' sake don't follow me everywhere. Can't you understand I want to be alone sometimes?"

Bingo seemed to understand that he was being scolded, and rolled on his back, penitential legs waving in the air. Madge was touched.

"You know, Bingo," she was heard to say, confidentially, "I am always being watched, and it is so trying—there's the nurse and the governess, and if I escape them, there's always my Guardian Angel."

As She Is Spoke.

The Pennsylvania Dutch have their own way of saying things, and generally they manage to make their meaning clear, although sometimes in unconventional language.

Over the bell on the front door of a house in a little town near Gettysburg, was affixed a card reading:

"Button doesn't bell. Bump."—American Legion Weekly.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION  
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, July 28th, 1922.

NOTICE is hereby given that Charles L. Kaufman, of Bissell, Oregon, who, on July 30th, 1918 made Homestead Entry No. 05609, for the NE 1/4 and SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 21, Township 3 S., Range 5 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three-Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 15th day of September, 1922.

Claimant names as witnesses: Fred Lins, of Bissell, Oregon; Joe Rickey, of Bissell, Oregon; Henry Vrooman of Bissell, Oregon; Julius Paulsen, of Bissell, Oregon.  
Act 6-9-16.

ALEXANDER SWEET, Register, 8-3-16

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION  
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, August 10th, 1922.

NOTICE is hereby given that Clifford U. Mannen, of Eagle Creek, Oregon, who, on August 2, 1918, made Homestead Entry, No. 05559, for the SW 1/4 Section 3, Township 3 S., Range 5 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make THREE-YEAR Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 26th day of September, 1922.

Claimant names as witnesses: Edward Magee, of Eagle Creek, Oregon; Mary H. Cotter, of Eagle Creek, Oregon; Lawrence Thompson, of Eagle Creek, Oregon; John Kreiger, of Eagle Creek, Oregon.  
Act 6-9-16.

ALEXANDER SWEET, Register 8-17-9-14

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION  
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, August 10th, 1922.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mary H. Cotter, of Eagle Creek, Oregon,

who, on August 3, 1918, made Homestead Entry No. 05899, for the NE 1/4 Section 3, Township 3 S., Range 5 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed intention to make THREE-YEAR Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 26th day of September, 1922.

Claimant names as witnesses: Edward Magee, of Eagle Creek, Oregon, R. 1; Ray Huffstutter, of Eagle Creek, Oregon, R. 1; Gunder Kvinge, of Eagle Creek, Oregon, R. 1; Ole Kvinge, Eagle Creek, Oregon, R. 1.

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